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Amendment dated 14 May 2004
Reply to Office Action mailed 16 March 2004

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REMARKS

This application has been reconsidered carefully in light of the final Office Action dated as mailed on 16 March 2004. A careful reconsideration of the application by the Examiner in light of the above Amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added to the subject U.S. Patent Application by the above Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants have rewritten dependent Claim 5 in independent form to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 1, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have canceled Claim 1 and amended Claims 2-4, 6-8, 12 and 13, accordingly.

Applicants have amended independent Claim 15 to require each of the first ribbon cover and the second ribbon cover to have a width of about 5 mm to about 50 mm. This amendment is fully supported throughout the specification, for example at page 33, lines 6-8.

Claims 2-8, 12, 13, 15-18, 38 and 39 remain in the U.S. Patent Application.

Amendments to the Drawings

Applicants have amended Figs. 1, 4A, 4B, 5, 6A, 6B, 7, 8 and 10 to overcome the Examiner's objections to the drawings as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action.

In Fig. 1, the element reference lines corresponding with element reference numbers 53, 54, 56 and 58 are dashed to denote underlying structure, as suggested by the Examiner.

Fig. 4A was labeled "PRIOR ART," as suggested by the Examiner.

In Fig. 4B, secondary bond 86 was amended to attach to back side panel 134.

In Fig. 5, primary bond 82 was amended to attach to back side panel 134.

In Fig. 6A, element reference number 84 was amended to read element reference number 82.

In Fig. 6B, the element reference line from element reference number 86 was amended to accurately indicate secondary bond 86. Element reference number 88 was deleted.

In Fig. 7, the element reference lines corresponding with element reference numbers 53, 54, 56 and 58 are dashed to denote underlying structure.

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In Fig. 8, secondary bond 86 was amended to attach to back side panel 134.

In Fig. 10, the lead line from element reference number 86 was amended to accurately indicate secondary bond 86.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner objected to the drawings filed with the Amendment on 23 December 2003. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, Applicants have explained the amendments made to each of Figs. 1, 4A, 4B, 5, 6A, 6B, 7, 8 and 10, as set forth above. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Specification Objection

The Examiner objected to the specification and/or Fig. 6B because element reference number 88 appeared in Fig. 6B but not in the specification. Applicants have deleted element reference number 88 from Fig. 6B. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

As a preliminary matter, the undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Reichle for the indication that Claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and overcoming any formal matters noted in the Office Action.

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By the above Amendment, original dependent Claim 5 has been rewritten to include all the limitations of independent Claim 1.

The Examiner also indicated that Claims 38 and 39 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,149,637 ("Allen et al."). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

In view of the above cancellation of Claim 1 and the rewriting of Claims 5 and 15, such basis for rejection is believed to have been obviated or rendered no longer applicable to the pending claims. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1, 12, 13 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,876,394 ("Rosch et al."). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

In view of the above cancellation of Claim 1 and the rewriting of Claims 5 and 15, such basis for rejection is believed to have been obviated or rendered no

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longer applicable to the pending claims. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

It is believed that the above Amendment places all pending claims in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is solicited. However, should the Examiner detect any remaining issue or have any question, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in an effort to expedite examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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